Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(e). May I know the reason?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If the metal is not spread, it will be dissipated.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was there any necessity to collect the metal now?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What was the necessity?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—To make the road.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—You spread the metal and waste it. Was there any necessity to collect it *now*?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The metalling of road is one of the works connected with the making of roads and the question of bridges will be taken up shortly and further I may state that this work was taken up as one of the relief works and therefore metal collection is a most important thing to give work for the coolies.

Public jetties in Narakkal Constituency.

136. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(a) Are the Government aware that the line boats are the chief means of communication for the people living in the Narakkal Constituency;

(b) what is the length of the Constituency north to south;

(c) is there any Government jetty in the Constituency for the line boats to land passengers and things; if any exist, where is it;

(d) are there public paths leading to the existing jetties put up by private persons?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) About 14 miles.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government any idea to construct public jetties?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, Government think that public jetties for the convenience of boat traffic are essential.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Do the Government intend to construct public jetties?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Bridge in Nedungad.

137. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(a) Are the Government aware that the people of Nedungad are put to great hardship and inconvenience owing to the absence of a bridge connecting it with the main-land to the west;

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